AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Participates in the Free and reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision
- · Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program
- Participates in one of these assistance programs:
 - SNAP
 - Medicaid
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - WIC
 - Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
 - or Lifeline:
- Participates in one of these assistance programs and lives on Qualifying Tribal lands:
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
 - Tribal TANF
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 - Tribal Head Start (income based)

Check out **fcc.gov/ACP** for a Consumer FAQ and other program resources.

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TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

- Step 1: Go to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.
- Step 2: Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.



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August 24, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter confirms that the following child(ren) in your household is/was (are/were) has been approved to receive free or reduced price school meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the School Breakfast Program (SBP) during the 2022-2023 school year:

Child's Name:	School:	
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Eligibility for monthly internet service discount and discounted connected device

Because your child has been approved to receive free or reduced price meals under the NSLP or SBP, you are eligible for the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP is a federal program to help eligible households pay for internet service. The ACP provides a monthly discount of not more than \$30 per month on broadband service and associated equipment (for example, a modern) for eligible households and not more than \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. If your household chooses aa plan from a participating provider that costs \$30/month or less, your household will receive that service for free.

Some participating program providers also offer discounted connected devices (a laptop, a desktop computer, or tablet) through the ACP. Households participating in the ACP are eligible for a one-time benefit of up to \$100 off one connected device as long as the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 towards the cost of the device. Each participating household is limited to a single device discount.

How to apply

To apply, you can fill out an application (either <u>online</u>, by mail, or through a <u>participating service</u> <u>provider</u>) and submit a copy of this letter as documentation verifying your child/children receives school meal benefits through the NSLP or SBP.

If you have questions about the ACP, your eligibility to patticipate, or to find information about participating providers near you, please visit https://getinternet.gov/, call 877-384-2575, or email_acpsupport@usac.org.

Sincerely,

Shaund McMalon

Shuna McMahon Elementary Principal